I oppose expanding the Tweed Airport runway by paving because of widely known public health issues.

I am a nearby resident of the Morris Cove neighborhood.

It's not that I don't mind the current large, fast, noisy, polluting jets. I knew they were here when I moved here. But it was my understanding that the airport would not, and could not, get any bigger.

In addition to more larger jets coming in and out of Tweed, other issues I have with runway expansion include destroying wetlands and natural open space areas, increased potential for flooding (more pavement means more flooding), destruction of current natural habitat in the airport and surrounding sensitive areas, increased pollution from leaded and unleaded jet fuel.

There was an agreement not to expand Tweed Airport. There was an agreement for a reason. That reason included public health issues.

The public is not in a position to pay anyone to stop political wrangling. Please put the public interest ahead of money and politics because what it DOES come down to is the public and their interests not anyone elses.

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